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SUBJ: UGANDAN ASIAN REFUGEES IN EUROPE

1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH MISOFF, CHIEF OF UNHCR UGANDAN ASIAN REFUGEE PROGRAM KELLY REPORTED THERE STILL REMAIN IN EUROPEAN TRANSIT CENTERS ESTIMATED 440 UGANDAN ASIAN REFUGEES FOR WHOM THERE ARE NO PROSPECTS OF RESETTLEMENT.

2. KELLY SAID OF 4,455 UGANDAN ASIAN REFUGEES BROUGHT TO EUROPE IN NOVEMBER 1972 FOR SUBSEQUENT RESETTLEMENT, THERE REMAINED AT END OF JULY 870 REFUGEES IN TRANSIT CENTERS. BELOW IS BREAKDOWN OF PRESENT TRANSIT POPULATION.

TRANSIT COUNTRY ARRIVALS DEPARTURES PRESENT

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|---------|-------|-------|-----|
| AUSTRIA | 1,532 | 1,123 | 409 |
| BELGIUM | 432 | 419 | 13 |
| ITALY | 1,940 | 1,681 | 259 |
| MALTA | 368 | 251 | 117 |
| SPAIN | 183 | 111 | 72 |

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| TOTAL | 4,455 | 3,585 | 870 |
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3. OF ABOVE POPULATION, UNHCR EXPECTS FOLLOWING RESETTLEMENT:

| TRANSIT COUNTRY | PRESENT | VISAED EXPECTED | VISAS INTEGRATION | LOCAL | RESIDUAL |
|--------------------|---------|--------------------|----------------------|-------|----------|
| AUSTRIA | 409 | 77 | -- | 200 | 132 |
| BELGIUM | 13 | -- | 5 | 8 | -- |
| ITALY | 259 | 82 | 10 | -- | 167 |
| MALTA | 117 | 31 | -- | -- | 86 |
| SPAIN | 72 | 17 | -- | -- | 55 |
| TOTAL | 870 | 207 | 15 | 208 | 440 |

4. WHILE LOCAL INTEGRATION OF 200 REFUGEES IN AUSTRIA NOT FIRM, UNHCR FAIRLY CONFIDENT AUSTRIA WILL AGREE TO THAT NUMBER AND BELGIUM WILL INTEGRATE REMAINING EIGHT REFUGEES THERE.

5. AS FOR RESIDUAL 440 REFUGEES FOR WHOM UNHCR HAS NO RESETTLEMENT PROSPECTS, DEPUTY UNHCR MACE AND KELLY RECENTLY VISITED FED REP WITH REQUEST IT CONSIDER TAKING FAIR SHARE IN VIEW FACT FED REP HAS MADE NO REPEAT NO CONTRIBUTION OF ANY SORT TO SOLUTION THIS INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM. UNHCR REPS POINTED OUT TO FON MIN AND TO MIN INT OFFICIALS THAT UNHCR EXPECTS PUBLISH REPORT ON UGANDAN ASIAN OPERATION SOON AND WOULD LIKE SEE FED REP CONTRIBUTION APPEAR THEREIN, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW FED REP'S IMMINENT UN MEMBERSHIP. ACCORDING KELLY, FON MIN RECEPTIVE BUT MIN INT OFFICIALS ALLUDED TO COSTS FOR HOUSING, LANGUAGE TRAINING, ETC., AND SAID PROBLEM WOULD HAVE BE REFERRED TO LAENDER BEFORE FEDERAL DECISION TAKEN. UNHCR NEVERTHELESS HOPEFUL FED REP WILL AGREE RESETTLEMENT FAIR PERCENTAGE THESE RESIDUAL REFUGEES.

6. RE FINANCES, KELLY SAID UNHCR RAN OUT OF CONTRIBUTED FUNDS IN MAY AND EXPECTS BE IN HOLE \$400,000 BY END AUGUST FOR THIS OPERATION. UNHCR CURRENTLY BORROWING FROM INTERNAL RESOURCES TO FINANCE BUT REQUESTED FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FROM FED REP DURING VISIT, WHICH LATTER NOW CONSIDERING ALTHOUGH CLAIMING ITS FUNDS FOR SUCH EMERGENCIES NEARLY DEPLETED. OTHER EARLIER UNHCR PLEAS FOR FUNDS TO UK AND KUWAIT FAILED GET RESULTS, KELLY SAID.

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